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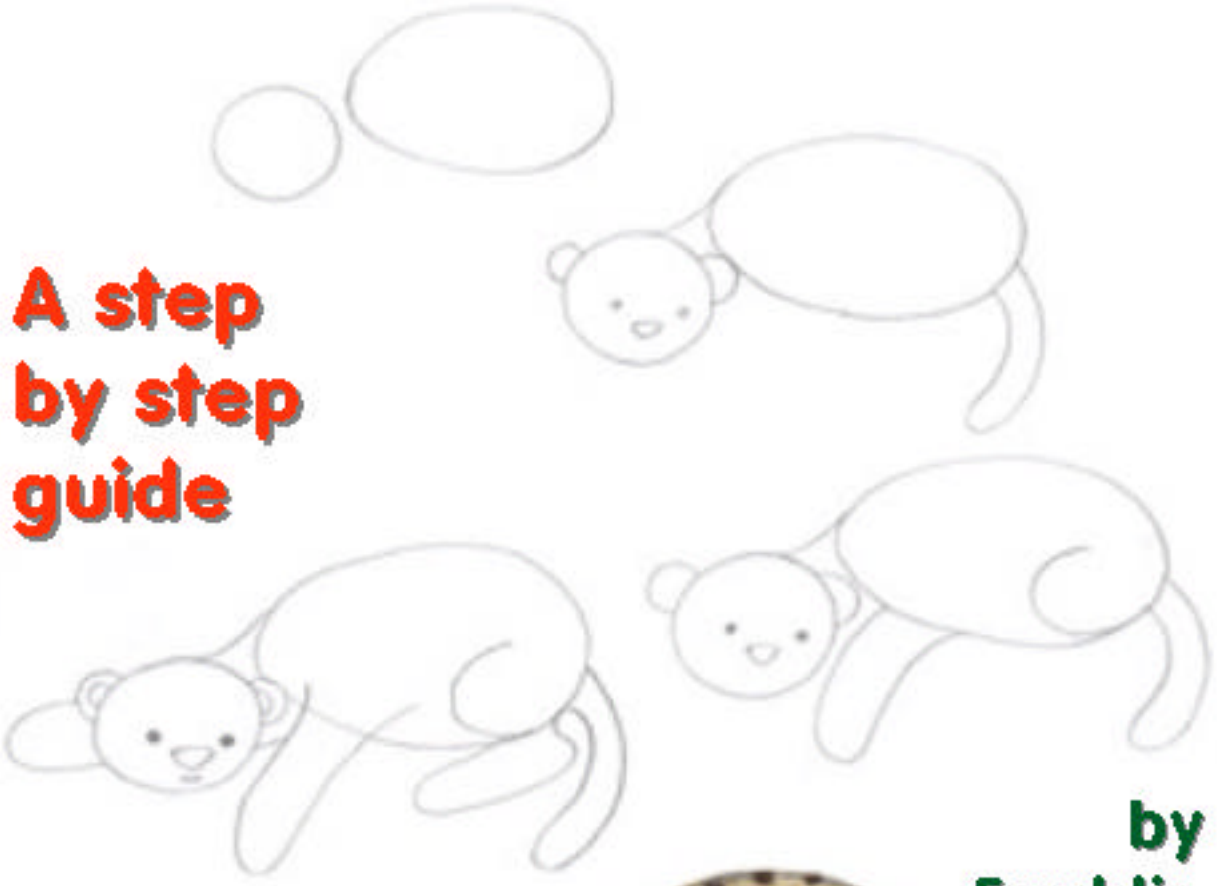

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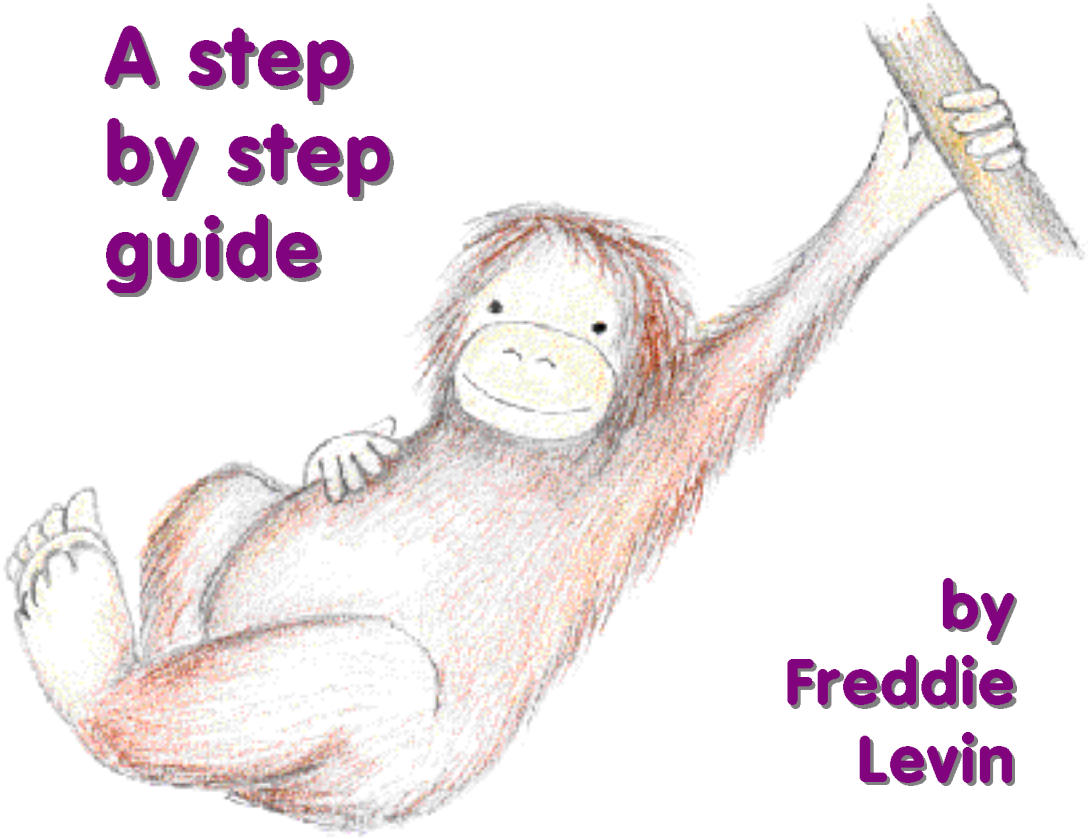

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Before you begin

You will need:

1. a pencil
2. an eraser
3. a pencil sharpener
4. lots of paper (recycle and re-use!)
5. colored pencils
6. a folder for saving work
7. a comfortable place to draw
8. good light

Now let's begin...!

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Important drawing tip number 1:

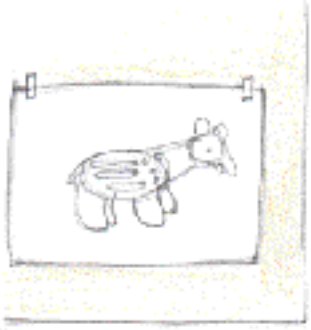
*** Draw lightly at first, so you can erase extra lines. ***

Important drawing tip number 2:

*** Have fun drawing dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals! ***

Important drawing tip number 3:

*** Practice, practice, practice and you **will** get better! ***



Circles, Ovals and Eggs

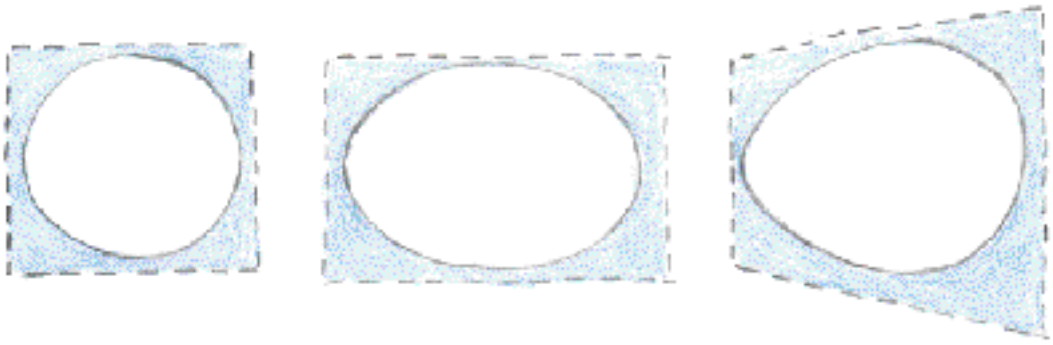
The drawings in this book start with three basic shapes:

circle **oval** **egg**

*A circle is perfectly round.

*An oval is a squashed circle.

*An egg is an oval with one side fatter than the other.



A **circle** fits inside a square.

An **oval** fits inside a rectangle.

An **egg** fits inside a trapezoid.

The more you practice drawing **circles**, **ovals**, and **eggs**, the easier it will be.

Draw lightly!
Have fun!
Practice makes better!

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Bush baby

1 Start with a **circle** and an **oval**. Notice how they overlap.

2 Draw two ears, two big googly eyes, and a U shape for the nose.

3 Draw a long curling tail. Draw small **oval** toes.

4 Draw lines inside each ear. Make small dashes for eyebrows. Add leg lines.

5 To finish the drawing, erase extra lines. Shade and color your bush baby. Give it a tree to sit in.

Bush babies are tiny tree-dwelling lemurs. They are nocturnal which means they are active at night. They are great leapers and their big googly eyes help them see in the dark. They eat insects, eggs, fruit and small animals.

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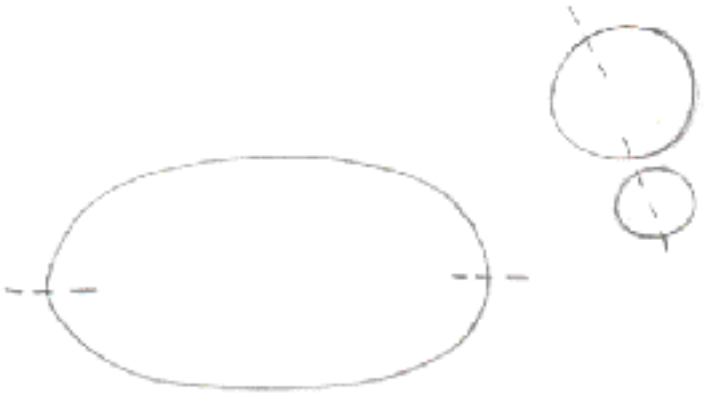
Zebra

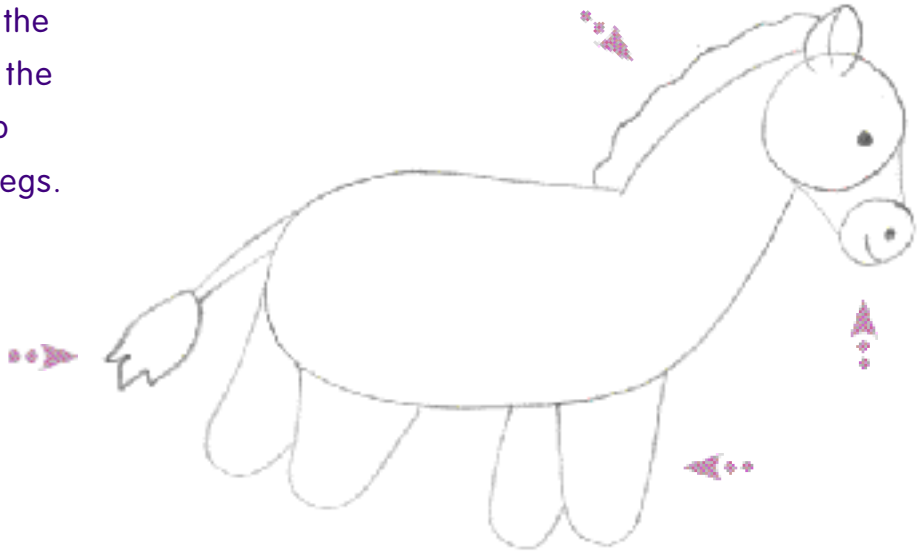
DRAW LIGHTLY!

1 Start with a large **oval** and two **circles**: one small and one medium size. Notice the angles of the shapes and the distance between the three shapes.



2 Connect the shapes with curved lines. Draw an ear and the beginning of a tail.

3 Draw an eye, nostril and mouth. Add the mane. Complete the tail. Draw the top sections of four legs.



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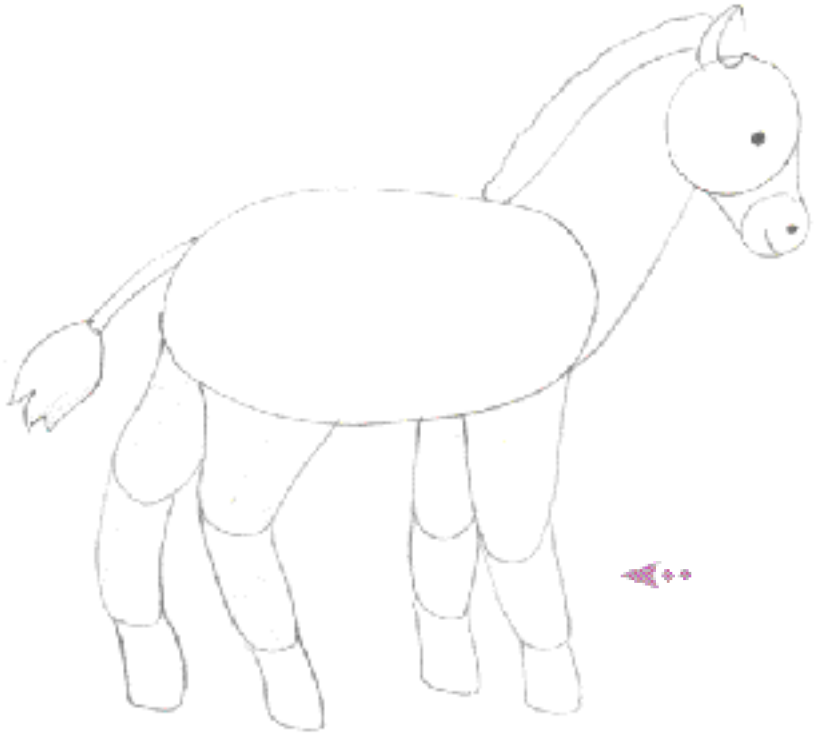

4 Complete all four legs. Notice that each leg is in three sections.

5 To complete the drawing, erase extra lines. Add the zebra's spectacular stripes. They are complicated, so take your time and do a small section at a time.

Zebras are grazing animals that live in herds. A fancy cousin of the horse, each zebra's stripes are as individual as fingerprints. A mother zebra can tell which baby is hers by its stripes. Do you think it's like reading a bar code at the grocery store?

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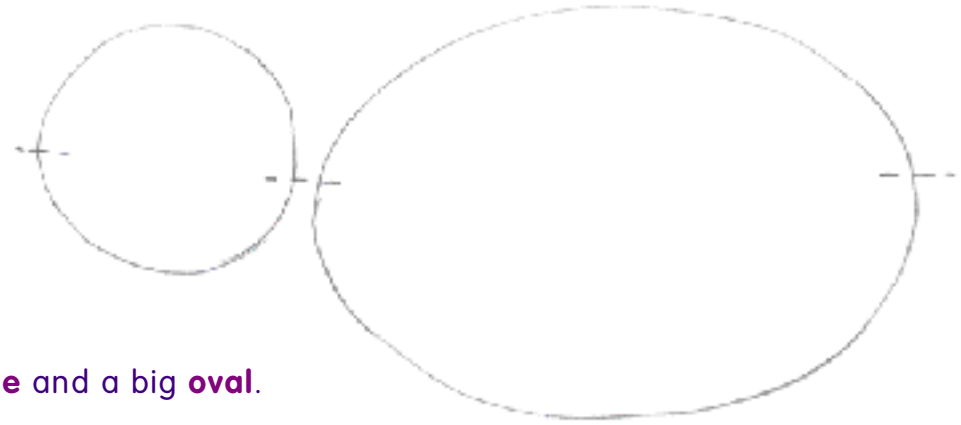
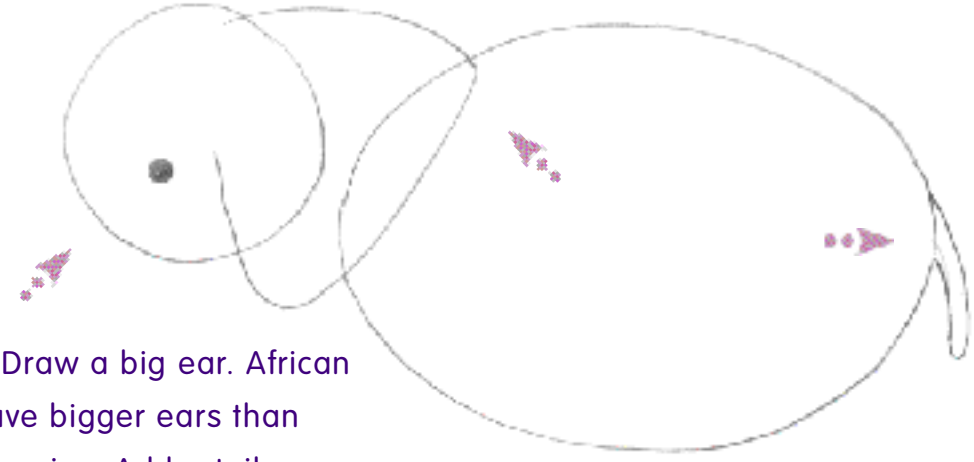
Elephant

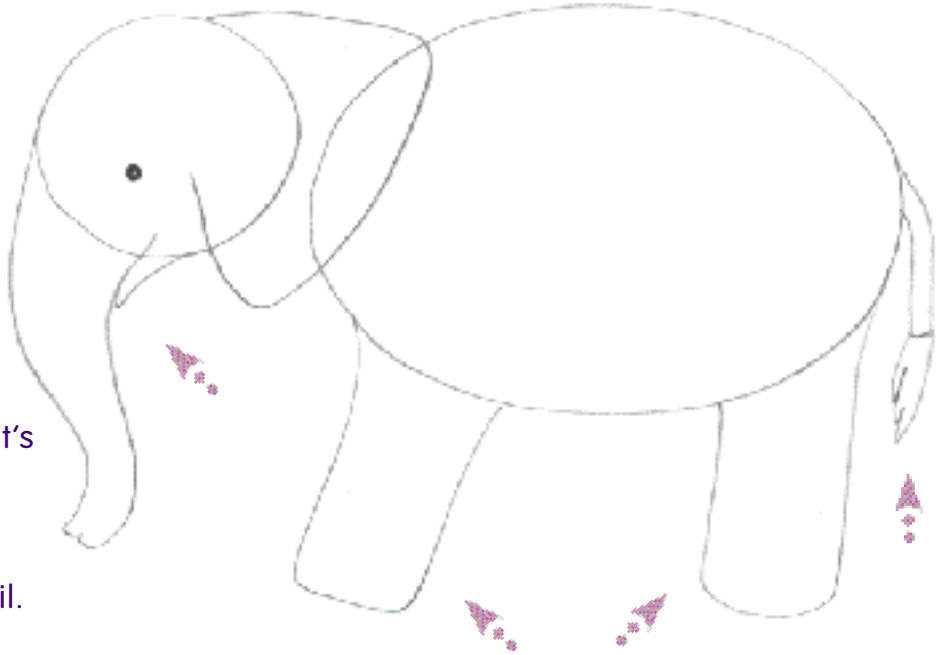
HAVE FUN!



1 Start with a **circle** and a big **oval**.



2 Add an eye. Draw a big ear. African elephants have bigger ears than their Asian cousins. Add a tail.



3 Draw the elephant's trunk and mouth. Add two sturdy legs. Finish the tail.

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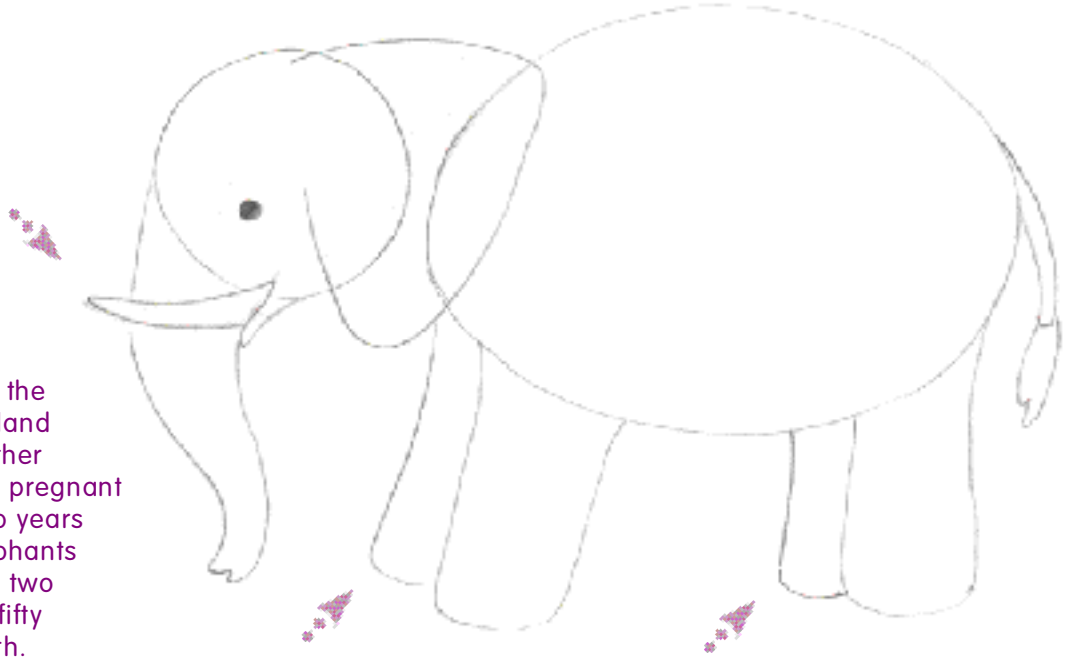


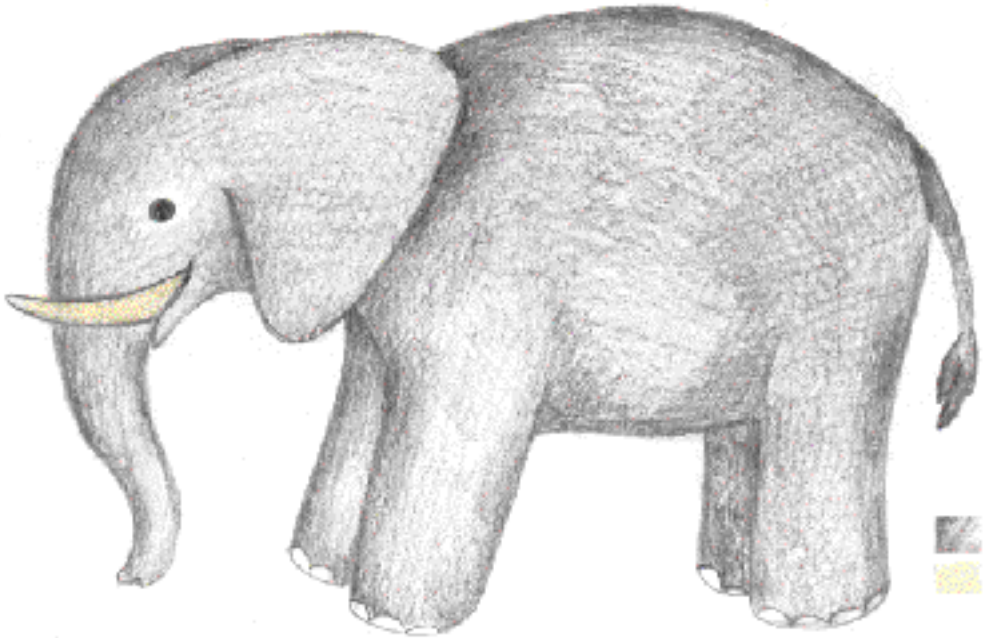
Elephants are the largest living land mammal. Mother elephants are pregnant for almost two years and baby elephants weigh around two hundred and fifty pounds at birth. Intelligent and social, they live in herds.

An elephant is the only animal with a trunk. Elephants use it to shower, carry food, cuddle a baby, sniff the wind, roll a heavy log, or greet a friend. When elephants meet each other, they put the tips of their trunks in each other's mouths.

4 Draw two more legs. Add a tusk.

5 To finish the drawing, erase extra lines. Add shading and color your elephant grey.

Excellent elephant!



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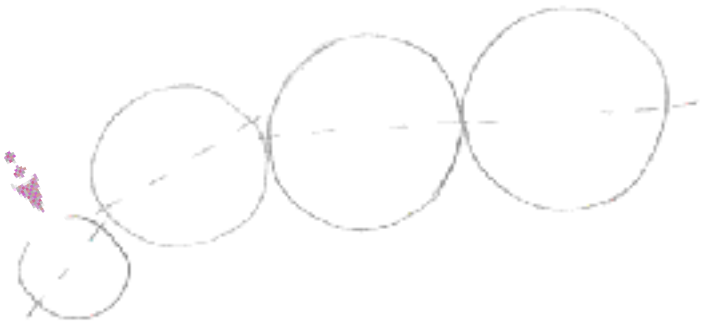
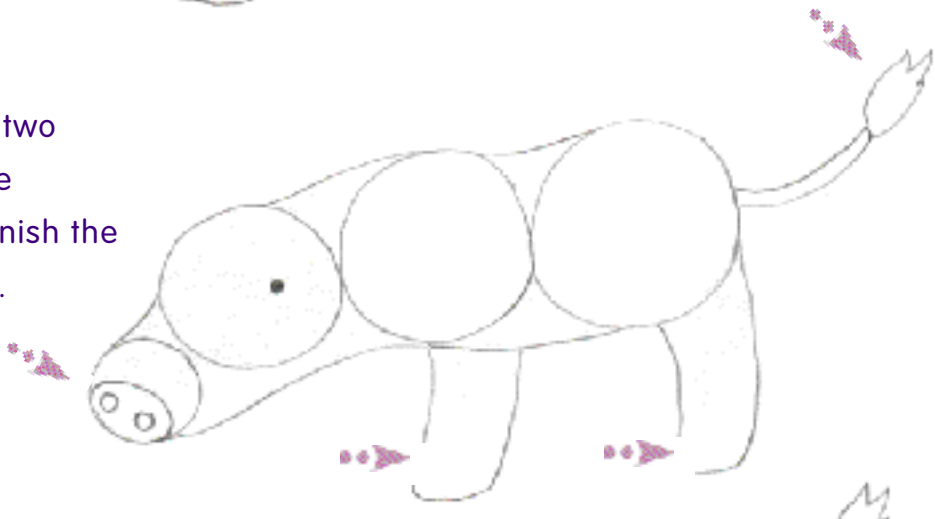
Warthog

1 Start with a series of four **circles**. Draw the smallest lower than the others.



2 Carefully connect the **circles** with curved lines. Draw an eye and add the beginning of a tail.

3 Draw an **oval** with two small **circles** for the warthog's snout. Finish the tail. Draw two legs.



4 Draw ears.
Add two more legs.

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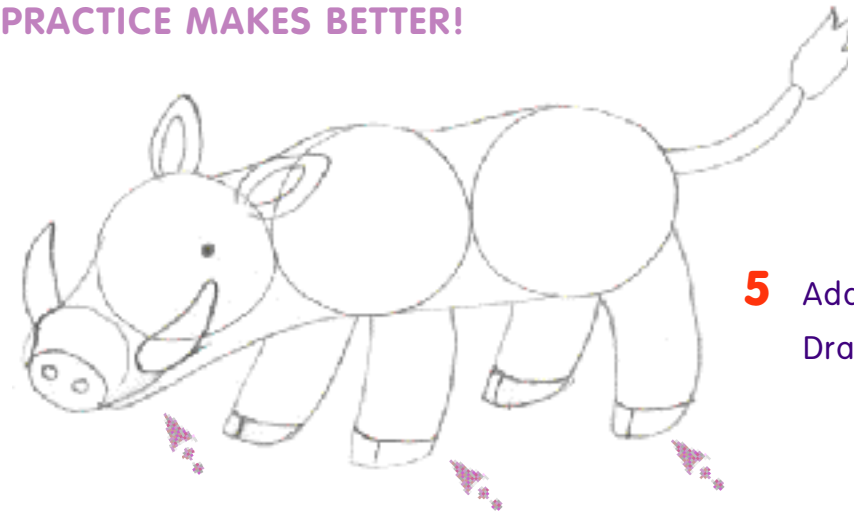

5 Add hooves and tusks. Draw lines inside the ears.

6 Draw a long bristly mane on the back and forehead.

7 To finish your drawing, erase extra lines. Shade your warthog and add color.

A warthog is a wild African pig. It lives in burrows, and likes to enter them backwards. Its tusks are used for digging and defense. The warthog diet consists of roots, eggs and small mammals.

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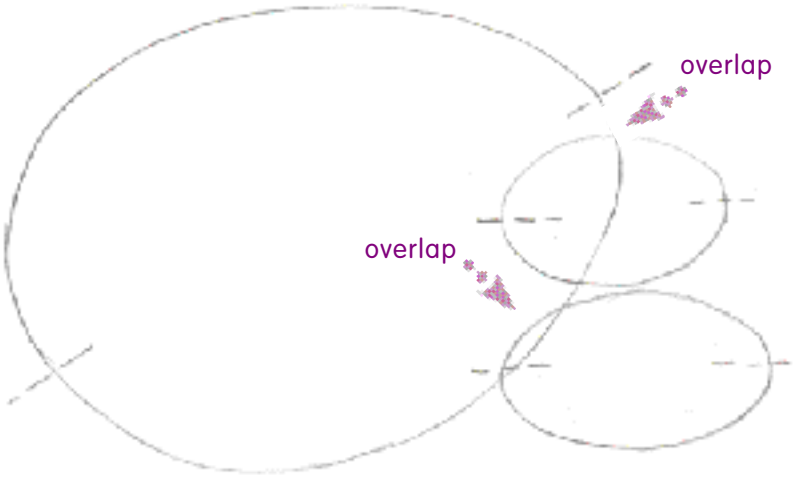
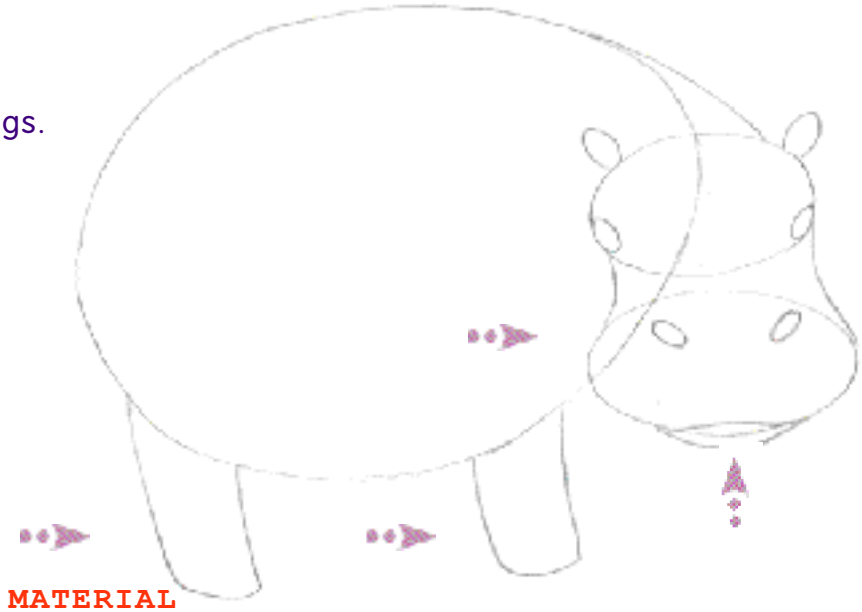
Hippopotamus

1 Start with a big **oval** and two smaller **ovals**. Notice how the two small **ovals** overlap the bigger one.



2 Connect the two smaller **ovals** with curved lines. Connect the head to the body with a curved line. Add two ears and eyes.

3 Draw nostrils. Add the lower jaw. Draw two legs.



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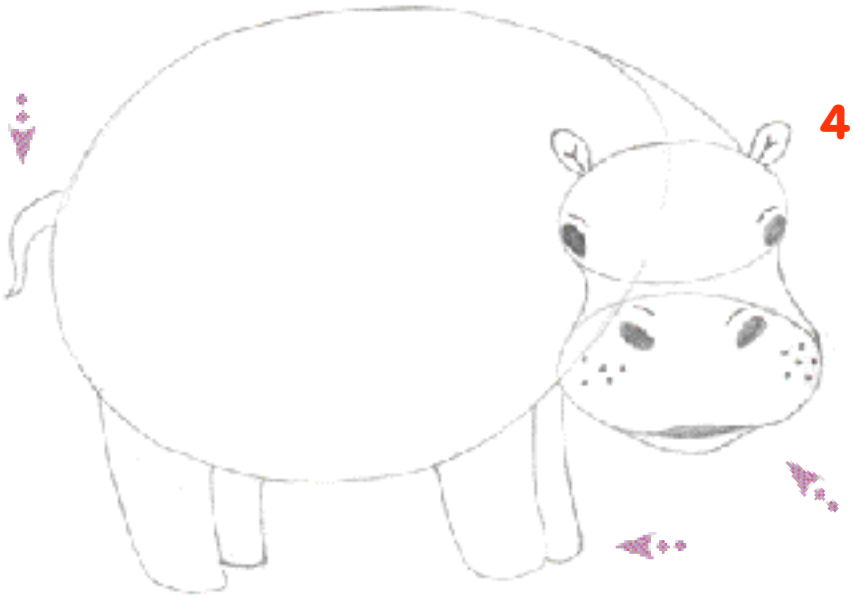
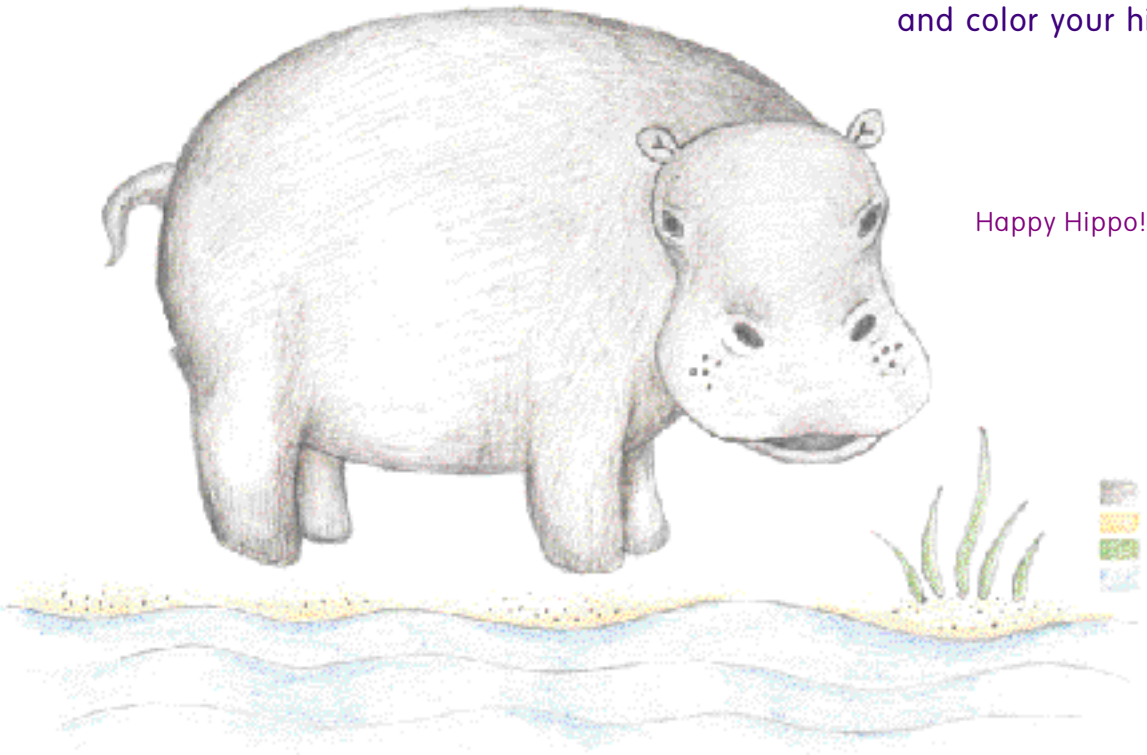


4 Draw another front and rear leg. Add a squiggly tale. Complete the face and ears.

5 Erase extra lines. Shade and color your hippo.



Happy Hippo!

The name 'hippopotamus' means 'river horse' but the hippo is more hog than horse. It lives near water and spends much of its time submerged with only its eyes, ears and nostrils showing. A hippo calf can swim immediately after birth and often nurses underwater. Hippos eat mainly fruit, leaves and grass...a lot of it!

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